

AB 1 20. The method defined in claim 19, further including an ageing  
2 heat treatment of the alloy article.--

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**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The changes made in the claims by this Preliminary Amendment are to place the claims in a form more consistent with U.S. patent practice, including the elimination of multiple dependencies from the claims.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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